received from State Government of Assam, during the last three years, 37275 and 71180 houses have been constructed under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes families respectively in rural areas in Assam.

(b) There are a number of poor families who do not have housing facilities. However, the Ministry of Rural Development through its various rural housing programmes is trying to provide assistance for construction of as many houses as possible for rural poor within the available financial resources.

(c) There is no restriction on the Government of Assam to provide funds over and above the Central assistance to ensure housing facilities to all the poor families.

Funds allocated to Rajasthan under SJGSY

397. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allocated to Rajasthan for the implementation of Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana during the year 2001-2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that large part of the grant is mopped up by the NGOs connected with the implementation of this scheme;

(c) what is the total expenditure involved in granting loans etc., under this scheme and the total amount of loans granted and the number of actual beneficianes of this scheme; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government to streamline the working of this scheme?

'THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) During 2001-2002 total allocation to Rajasthan State was Rs. 2345.84 lakhs, out of which Rs. 1759.38 lakhs was Central share and Rs. 586.46 lakhs was State share.

(b) No, sir. Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) emphasizes on mobilisation of poor into Self Help Groups, their capacity building, skill training, provision of revolving fund, subsidy and credit for

income generating assets and infrastructure development. As per the guidelines the NGOs/Community Based Organisations and facilitators can be used for nurturing and development of SHGs. An amount upto Rs. 10,000 per group could be spent on formation and development of the group through the NGOs.The payment is made in four instalments based on the stage of development of the group.

(c) Total expenditure under the SGSY during 2001 -2002 in the State of Rajasthan was Rs. 3462.03 lakhs on various components that is training, infrastructure, revolving funds to SHGs and subsidy for economic activities of the scheme. Total credit disbursed to SHGs and individual Swarozgaris was Rs. 10247.15 lakhs. During the year 2001-2002, total 36,057 number of Swarozgaris were assisted under the SGSY.

(d) To streamline the working of the scheme, amendments have recently been made in the guidelines.

Shortage of cotton

398. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is going to face severe shortage of cotton by 2007 affecting the textile industry badly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the State-wise details of the cotton production in the last five years; and

(d) the steps being taken to face the ensuing cotton crisis in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No Sir. The Working Group of Textile and Jute Industries for Tenth Five Year Plan has projected production of 216 lakh bales of cotton, on the basis of 40% rise in the yield on an area of 87.5 lakh hectares, by the end of tenth plan period *i.e.* 2006-07 as against the estimated consumption of 215 lakh bales. [Mill (SSI & Non-SSI) consumption 212 lakh bales + non-mill consumption 13 lakh bales]

(b) Does not arise.